

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

May 21, 2008

A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 on Wednesday, May 21, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 2:25 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance were Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Denise Correy, Olayinka Oredugba, and Muraina Akinfolarin. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the April 16, 2008 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Certification Review Committee reviewed recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office regarding applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) B.B.H. Construction, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**
- b) Susan Jones Moses and Associates WBE/DBE MA**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of these firms for participation in the State of

Rhode Island's MBE program, as well as the DBE program, as applicable, as administered by those transportation agencies governed by 49 CFR in the industry as detailed in the write up presented by the MBE Compliance Office. Motion carried unanimously.

The Certification Review Committee reviewed recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office regarding applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) Jenny and Jeff Designs, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- b) L.A.S. Construction, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- c) Shawomet Electric Company WBE/DBE RI**
- d) Wilkem Scientific Limited WBE/DBE RI**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify these firms of the need for a hearing based upon issues of ownership, control, and dependency upon non-minority individuals. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Design Fabricators, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE/DBE submitted on behalf of Design Fabricators, Inc, and was attended by the applicant, Roberta Degraide, as well as the applicant's legal counsel, John

DiBona, Esq., and John Harpootian, Esq. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of ownership and control, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny the certification of this firm. Motion carried unanimously.

E.L. Waterman, Inc. –A hearing was continued from December 19, 2007 regarding the recertification application submitted by E.L. Waterman. After some discussion, the applicant withdrew their request for recertification.

Old/New Business:

ABM Enterprises – The Certification Review Committee reviewed a recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office regarding a category expansion request submitted on behalf of ABM Enterprises, a duly certified MBE/DBE firm. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve this category expansion. Motion carried unanimously.

MacKenzie Painting Co., Inc. – The Certification Review Committee were advised that this applicant had submitted the additional information request at their hearing on March 19, 2008, and that the hearing for this applicant would be continued on June 18, 2008.

TFE Resources, Ltd. – The Certification Review Committee were advised that this applicant, currently scheduled for a hearing before

the CRC on June 18, 2008, had requested to conduct said hearing via telephone conference call. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny the request to conduct the hearing via conference call. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to enter into an executive session, pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(a), in order to discuss pending litigation regarding the denial of recertification of Mount Hope Builders, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.